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[0028] The shown series of images in Figs. 3 a, 3 b, and 3 c exemplarily depicts how a spotwise imaging of printing surfaces with the aid of at least one laser beam with variable printing spot size is achieved by a variable printing spot size or exposure time. Changes in the distance between the printing surface and the laser focus are compensated for by adjusting the input laser power to adjust the laser power instead of by a movement of the imaging optics, of the laser itself, or of the printing surface as is usual in autofocus systems.